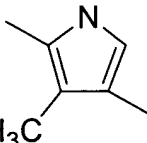


REMARKS

This amendment addresses the official Action of August 30, 2004 and the reference cited therein. The claims remaining in the case are 1-14, 27 and 28. Claims 15-26 have been canceled, without prejudice to re-file, pursuant to the restriction requirement in paper number 5.

Claims 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not adequately described. Claim 27 has been herein canceled, without prejudice to refile.

Claims 1-13 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to distinctly claim the invention. Specifically, the examiner states that reciting "X" as a linking group which contains from about 1 to about 54 atoms renders the claim indefinite as to the upper and lower limits of the range. Claims 1-4 are further rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Laurin (Bioorg Med. Chem. Lett. 9, 2079, 1999). The examiner states that Laurin discloses a compound wherein "X" is a methylpyrrole. Claim 1 amended to recite the limitations of claim 2 and to limit the

pyrrole by providing that when "X" is a heteroaryl it is not . As a result of these amendments, the 112 and 102 rejections have been overcome. The upper and lower range of the definition of "X" is clear and the skilled artisan would not expect the claimed invention upon review of the cited reference.

Applicants now believe the Examiner's concerns have been met and overcome and respectfully request that the objections and rejections to claims be removed.

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